

Atlanta City Council District

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Arden Area Ardmore Park Berkeley Park Broadland / Hillside Buckhead Chastain Park Collier Hills Loring Heights Memorial Park
Moores Mill
Mount Paran
Peachtree Battle West
Pleasant Hill
Randall Mill
Springlake
Standing Peachtree

Tuxedo Park West Paces / Northside

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PARKS

Ardmore Park Atlanta Memorial Park Beaverbrook Park Bobby Jones Golf Course Castlewood Triangle Channing Valley Park Chastain Memorial Park Ellsworth Park Haynes Manor Park Loring Heights Park McKinley-Wilson Circle Peachtree Battle Parkway Sibley Park Spring Valley Park Springlake Park Tanyard Creek Park Tanyard Creek Urban Forest West Wesley Park Woodward Way Park



City Council District 8 contains 18 neighborhoods and all or part of neighborhood planning units (NPUs) A, C, D and E. The District is largely residential and contains many of the City of Atlanta's more affluent communities. District 8 has the third highest number of park acreage among all Council Districts.

The average Council District contains slightly more than 297 acres; District 8 contains 522. The vast majority of this parkland is contained within two parks. Chastain Park and North Fulton Golf Course cover nearly 270 acres. Atlanta Memorial Park, Bobby Jones Golf Course and the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center cover more than 200 acres. The rest of the district contains about 55 acres; large swaths of the District have no parks in their communities.

The Chastain Park Conservancy has been extremely active for a number of years to improve one of Atlanta's best known parks. Chastain Park features one of Atlanta's best public golf courses, an equestrian center, and a popular amphitheater. The community runs the pool and the baseball fields are supported by Northside Youth Organization. A Park Pride survey conducted by the Schapiro Research Group found that 27% of Atlanta residents had visited Chastain Park in the last six months.

In addition to the Chastain Park Conservancy, the District has active Friends of Park groups in Tanyard Creek and Beaverbrook parks, and a group is forming for Springlake. Residents in and around Memorial Park recently worked with Park Pride to raise funds for a new playground.

The Atlanta BeltLine project will have a small but important impact on District 8. The BeltLine Trail will pass through and connect several parks in and around the Collier Hills community. A trail will connect Memorial Park to the main BeltLine trail. The BeltLine provides the opportunity to expand the Atlanta Waterworks and turn it into a park.



The quality of life of a great city is determined by the character of its public spaces, where residents meet, shop, do business, play or simply wander. Within the public realm, no area plays a more important role in our quality of life than parks and greenspace.

Each and every day, parks and greenspace improve Atlanta's quality of life. They clean the air, filter polluted water and help keep children off the street. Parks improve physical health, promote mental well-being and help children learn. Parks help reduce crime and strengthen the economy. Perhaps most importantly, parks unite neighbors, foster friendships and build community.

The City of Atlanta has 338 parks totaling 3570 acres. Atlanta's Park System is among the smallest park systems for a major American City. Among the nation's 25 largest cities, Atlanta has the smallest percentage of land dedicated to parks. The good news is that Atlanta has made significant investments in its park system in the last several years. The 2006 budget increased park funding by nearly \$3 million, a 10% increase. The BeltLine promises to add more than 1000 acres of new parks, and the City passed a three-year \$105 million bond for parks and greenspace. Given the commitment of the Mayor and Council, Atlanta's park future appears bright.

FAST FACTS - DISTRICT 8

Number of Parks	35
Parks ≥ 1 Acre	15
Total Park Acres	522.65
Largest Park	Chastair
Playgrounds	ϵ
Ballfields	ϵ
Tennis Courts	g
Outdoor Basketball Courts	C
Recreation Centers	1